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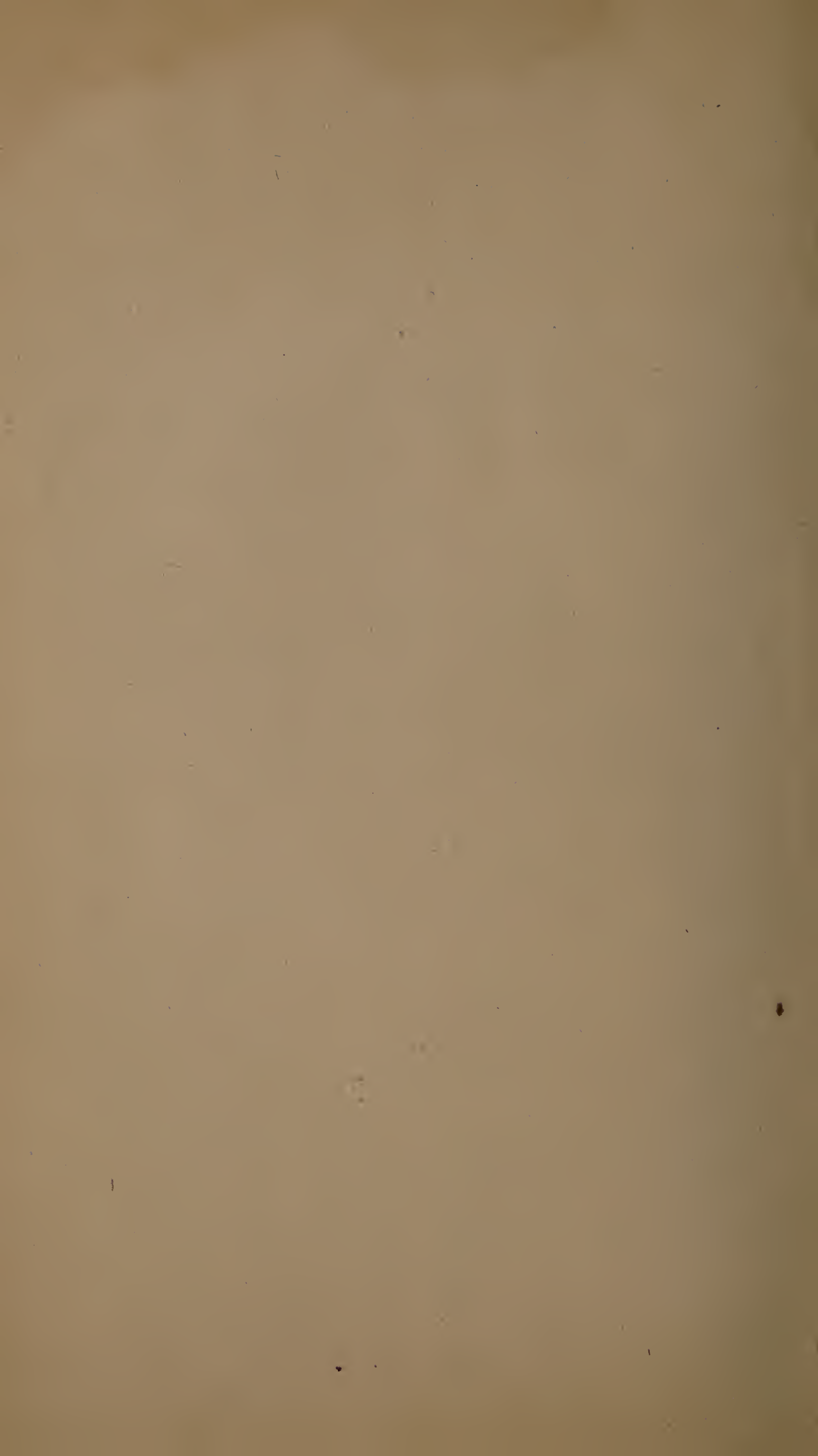
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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Support of Schools.

SCHOOLS AT MERRIMAC CENTER.

TEACHER'S PAY.

HIGH SCHOOL.

George F. Joyce, Jr., principal,	\$ 930 25	
Helen K. Spofford, assistant,	475 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,405 25

GRAMMAR.

Ellen Gunnison,	425 00
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INTERMEDIATE.

Carrie M. Evans,	288 75
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FIRST PRIMARY.

Frances L. Sherman,	288 75
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SECOND PRIMARY.

Etta H. Colby,	247 50
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PROSPECT STREET FIRST PRIMARY.

Josephine L. Oak,	288 75
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PROSPECT STREET SECOND PRIMARY.

Flora E. Fourtin,	247 50
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MUSIC.

Stella C. Larkin,	72 00	
Martha A. Goodwin,	104 00	
	<hr/>	176 00

Total for Teachers,

 \$3,367 50

INCIDENTALS.

H. M. Fourtin, janitor,	\$ 3 50
J. D. Fourtin, " "	139 50
Harry E. Chase, " "	3 00—146 00
A. J. Huntington, wood and coal,	43 89
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	106 19
Sargent & Currier, wood,	4 75
D. S. Bartlett, " "	3 12—157 95
Heath Brothers, repairs,	20 26
Wm. Jones, " "	4 80
D. E. Wadleigh, " "	95—26 01
W. W. Lydston, supplies,	9 75
S. A. McConnell, " "	3 80
J. H. Cleary, " "	4 83—18 38

Total for Schools at the Center, \$3,715 84

MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS.

TEACHER'S PAY.

Chas. S. Davis, Grammar school,	\$195 00
A. M. Armstrong, " "	137 50
Philip Emerson, " "	125 00
Minnie C. Currier, Intermediate, " "	255 75
A. M. Collins, Primary, " "	202 50
M. A. Hughes, " "	45 00
Stella C. Larkin, music,	12 00
Martha A. Goodwin, " "	20 00

————— \$992 75

INCIDENTALS.

A. M. Collins, janitor,	\$16 50
M. A. Hughes, " "	3 00
W. D. Large, " "	8 50
Lewis Tuckwell, " "	7 50
Lewis Thompson, " "	14 00—49 50
Sargent & Currier, wood,	4 50
A. J. Huntington, coal,	34 86
C. H. Hughes, sawing wood,	2 00—41 36
E. C. Owen, repairs,	6 55
James Whittier, " "	19 83
N. F. Stevens, " "	1 25
B. F. Parker, " "	2 00
L. E. Todd, cleaning room,	1 50
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	2 90—34 03

Total for schools at Merrimacport. \$1,117 64

LANDING SCHOOL.

M. A. Hughes, teacher,	\$132 00	
“ janitor,	11 00	
D. M. Davis, wood,	\$5 25	
C. H. Hughes, sawing wood,	2 00—	7 25
Sargent & Currier, repairs,	8 43	
Charles N. Sargent, “	10 00	
C. J. Mason, “	12 88—	31 31
Total,	—	\$181 56

HIGHLANDS SCHOOL.

Lulu O. Short, teacher,	\$132 00	
Annie Jenkins, janitor,	4 00	
Frank Jenkins, “	4 33—	8 33
W. W. Lydston, sundries,	70	
Total,	—	\$141 03

BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

Bessie A. Veal, teacher,	\$350 00
Martha A. Goodwin, music,	21 00

INCIDENTALS.

H. L. Woodman, janitor,	\$ 4 40	
F. Jenkins, “	3 00	
W. H. Goldsmith, “	16 50	
Mrs. Lundquist, cleaning,	3 00—	26 90
A. J. Huntington, fuel,	8 16	
E. M. Morse, “	5 00	
W. H. Goldsmith, sawing wood,	1 50—	14 66
F. E. Bartlett, repairs,	2 82	
Wm. Jones, “	2 25	
Heath Brothers, “	40	
W. W. Lydston, sundries,	40—	5 87
Total,	—	\$418 43

BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

Josephine V. Mason, teacher,	\$132 00
“ “ janitor,	12 00

INCIDENTALS.

T. M. Sargent, sawing wood,	\$ 1 25	
G. W. Hoyt, wood,	2 25	
J. W. Colby, “	2 25	
Sargent & Currier, wood,	7 00—	12 75
Wm. Jones, repairs,	1 25	
Josephine V. Mason, repairs,	1 37—	2 62
Total,	—	\$159 37

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Iverson, Blakeman & Taylor,	\$16 37	
C. H. Whiting,	46 92	
Wm. Ware & Co.,	124 68	
Cowperthwaite & Co.,	108 00	
Thompson, Brown & Co.,	29 06	
Harrison Hume,	14 90	
W. P. Adams,	22 83	
D. Appleton & Co.,	10 97	
Ginn & Co.,	7 50	
D. G. Heath & Co.,	11 38	
Carl Schoenhof,	10 04	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co.,	7 44	
C. W. Hager,	1 25	
G. F. Joyce, jr.,	1 80	
Wm. Chase,	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$414 94
J. L. Hammett, school supplies,	46 67	
F. H. True, " "	90	
Henry H. Story, " "	1 10	
Ward & Gay, " "	9 00	
G. F. King & Merrill, " "	11 35	
G. F. Joyce, jr., " "	7 90	
J. A. Hale, " "	19 20	
C. A. King, " "	5 87	
C. A. King, printing,	11 50	
	<hr/>	113 49
Total expense of Schools,		<hr/> \$6,262 30

Regular appropriation,	\$5,500 00	
Special " "	300 00	
Income Mass. school fund,	174 67	
Dog fund,	175 94	
Received for tuitions,	83 25	
" books sold,	16 67	
Overdrawn,	11 77	
	<hr/>	\$6,262 30

*Support of Poor.**Paid Town of Amesbury as follows :*

Board and clothes for Eliza Patten,	\$109 00	
Two-fifths support of McCabe children,	72 30	
	<hr/>	\$181 30

Support of Family of W. O. Gray.

H. Maria Gray, board of two children,	150 48	
Calvin Sargent, " one child,	96 00	
Lydia Goodwin, " Mrs. Gray,	88 00	
Mrs. L. J. Lewis, " "	20 00	
	<hr/>	354 48

Support of Maria Sargent.

Blaisdell & Huntington, fuel,	29 62
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Support of R. S. Patten.

Blaisdell & Huntington, fuel,	42 31	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	76 61	
R. A. Sargent, bill of 1884,	1 25	
	<hr/>	120 17

Support of M. Burke.

Blaisdell & Huntington, fuel,	26 28	
Dr. H. G. Leslie, consultation,	6 00	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	56 64	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, expenses,	8 05	
	<hr/>	96 97
Sargent & Currier, supplies to Timothy Sullivan,	5 46	
R. R. Sorenson, " " "	9 19	
J. D. Pike, " " "	1 25	
	<hr/>	15 90
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of A. R. Lawson,	169 63	
" " " " M. Riley,	172 52	
Worcester Asylum, " A. C. Hoyt,	192 64	
	<hr/>	534 79

Mary Pressy, house rent, Smith Quimby,	48 00	
City of Newburyport, supplies to Caroline Sargent,	33 75	
City of Newton, " J. O'Brien,	4 00	
City of Boston, aid to Henrietta Baxter,	2 58	
R. A. Sargent, supplies to J. Parker's child,	1 50	
" " C. N. Crandall family,	1 75	
A. P. Chaples, board of Ann M. Waining,	104 00	
H. P. Davis, expense of committing John Reardon to Danvers Hospital,	12 00	
W. W. Lydston, stove for lock-up,	\$ 7 50	
J. H. Cleary, supplies to " "	1 43	
J. B. Heath, " " "	47	
	<hr/>	9 40

Dr. H. J. Cushing, town physician,	\$30 00	
	<u> </u>	246 98
• Total for Poor,		<u>\$1,580 21</u>
<i>Deduct</i>		
Due from state for state paupers,		<u>15 90</u>
Net expense,		<u>\$1,564 31</u>
Appropriation,	15,00 00	
Overdrawn,	<u>64 31</u>	
		<u>\$1,564 31</u>

Highway Account.

District No. 1. Sewell P. Jackman, Surveyor.

Expended by surveyor in ordinary repairs,	\$546 25	\$546 25
Apportionment,	<u>550 00</u>	
Unused balance,	3 75	
Sargent & Currier, tile and lumber,	129 07	
D. E. Wadleigh, sharpening tools,	5 90	
W. A. Manufacturing Co., lumber for bridge,	3 60	
Moses Sargent, paving stone,	3 00	
W. B. Chapman, setting grates, etc.,	21 83	
Marshall Brothers, laying tile, etc.,	17 36	
J. E. Currier, brick grate, etc.,	5 40	
G. G. Larkin, plank crossings,	10 00	
" grading and wall, Pleasant street,	25 00	
A. Lawson, building sidewalk, Pine street,	7 50	
S. P. Jackman, " Woodland street,	33 70	
J. L. Blaisdell, grading cemetery road,	38 50	
S. P. Jackman, " Church avenue,	<u>330 80</u>	
		631 66

REMOVING SNOW.

W. H. Blodgett, bill 1884,	30 60	
S. P. Jackman,	75 20	
L. E. Bancroft, bill 1884,	<u>14 90</u>	
		120 70

District No. 2. J. L. Blaisdell, Surveyor.

Expended by surveyor in repairs,	303 56	303 56
Apportionment,	<u>350 00</u>	
Unused balance.	46 44	
Sargent & Currier, tile.	4 05	
T. E. Connor, labor.	<u>1 00</u>	
		5 05

REMOVING SNOW.

J. L. Blaisdell.		112 32
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District No. 3. Christopher Sargent, Surveyor.

Expended by surveyor in repairs,	\$251 58	\$251 58
Apportionment,	250 00	
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Overdrawn,	1 58	
Sargent & Currier, lumber and tile,	19 50	
A. Heath; labor,	5 70	
	<hr/>	25 20

REMOVING SNOW.

Christopher Sargent,	28 50	
A. Heath,	3 50	
	<hr/>	32 00

District No. 4. Calvin Sargent, Surveyor.

Expended by surveyor in repairs,	110 10	110 10
Apportionment,	150 00	
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Unused balance,	39 90	

REMOVING SNOW.

Calvin Sargent,		80
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Essex Merrimac Bridge.

Paid County of Essex,	\$6,254 15	
Selectmen, expense on hearing,	16 28	
S. P. Jackman, services,	5 00	
	<hr/>	6,275 43

Land Damages on Church Avenue.

Wm. Rowell's heirs,	20 00	
Francis Sargent,	25 00	
J. D. Fournin,	20 00	
	<hr/>	65 00

George Tyler. repairs on road machine,	10 00	
S. P. Jackman, " "	10 32	
W. A. Mfg. Co., " "	1 00	
W. H. Colby, " C. E. Little's hack,	6 00	
	<hr/>	27 32

Paid Albert Sargent for gravel pit at Merrimacport,	40 00	
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Total expense of Highways and Bridges, 8,546 97

Appropriation,	\$1,800 00	
" for land damages,	65 00	
Received on Town Treasurer's note, money hired to pay award on Essex Merrimac bridge,	6,489 00	
Overdrawn,	192 97	
	<hr/>	\$8,546 97

The working of Church avenue at an expense of \$330.80, for which no appropriation was made, will explain the overdraft in this department.

Fire Department.

Paid Niagara Engine Company,	\$ 305 83	
D. E. Wadleigh, repairs,	3 75	— \$309 58
Agile Engine Company,	475 00	
T. H. O'Neil, repairs,	7 15	
J. Whittier, “	1 75	
A. Parker, “	3 04	
Blaisdell & Huntington, fuel,	2 25	— 489 19
Wm. P. Sargent Hook and Ladder Company,		182 54
Merrimac Steam Fire Engine Company,		189 17
J. E. Barbeau, steward,	49 06	
Engineer and fireman, 1884,	83 30	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	7 20	
M. P. Sargent, qualifying engineers,	1 00	
Sargent & Currier, fuel,	19 10	
Blaisdell & Huntington, “	70 16	
W. A. Lyceum, storage of Eagle engine,	13 00	
W. A. Axle Co., rent of land,	100 00	
D. M. Means, painting hose carriage,	60 00	
J. H. Murphy, work on “	4 50	
Manchester Locomotive Co., repairs,	2 85	
C. A. King, printing,	9 25	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	5 40	
A. S. Jackson, “	20 40	— 445 22
R. R. Sorenson, Fire District bill,	13 63	
Sargent & Currier, “ “	8 75	
S. S. Blodgett, “ “	7 05	
Heath Brothers, “ “	11 15	— 40 58
WORK AT ENGINE HOUSE.		
John A. Heath,	2 00	
Sargent & Currier,	41 10	
Wm. Jones,	80 20	
W. H. Underhill,	18 75	
W. H. Blodgett,	70 03	
J. Doyle,	2 80	
Moses Sargent,	20 00	
W. W. Lydston,	12 29	
M. S. Gibbs,	44 71	
LeBosquet Brothers,	27 64	
O. W. Larkin,	5 25	
J. E. Currier,	50	
Magee Furnace Co.,	6 38	
Patrick McKenna,	6 00	
D. E. Wadleigh,	1 15	— 338 80
Total,		\$1,995 08

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Regular appropriation,	\$1000 00	
Special "	300 00	
Authorized by Statute,	100 00	
Received for Old Eagle engine,	30 00	
" Old hose,	53 94	
" Fire tax,	42 58	
Unexpended balance last year,	68 63	
	<hr/>	\$1595 15
Overdrawn,		399 93
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		\$1995 08

RESERVOIR AT MERRIMACPORT.

Paid J. C. Wigginton, labor,	\$ 230 40	
W. B. Titcomb, "	139 25	
Sargent & Currier, brick and lumber,	147 17	
Wm. Chase & Sons, pipe,	64 80	
Powow Hill Water Co., hydrant,	33 00	
S. S. Blodgett, cement,	66 80	
G. W. Wiggin, tile.	3 50	
O. W. Larkin, "	70	
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	5 49	
Swampscott Machine Co., cover,	8 50	
W. H. Colby, bills paid,	5 29	
W. H. Blodgett, hauling engine,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$709 90
Appropriation,	\$500 00	
Overdrawn,	209 90	
	<hr/>	\$709 90

Public Library.

Regular appropriation,	\$500 00	
Special " (Goodwin fund),	120 00	
	<hr/>	\$620 00
Paid D. J. Poore, Treasurer,		620 00

State Aid.

Harriet C. Flanders,	\$48 00	
Wm. F. Martins,	72 00	
Hannah P. Tozier,	48 00	
Rebecca Kennet,	48 00	
George F. Bailey,	36 00	
Mary E. G. Gay,	48 00	
John Jenkins,	36 00	
Jesse Flanders,	32 00	
John Clement,	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$376 00

Miscellaneous Account.

EXPENSES ON SARGENT HALL.

W. W. Lydston, repairs,	\$ 10 25	
Wm. Jones, “	10 05	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	4 60	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	5 55	
Wm. Winslow, charcoal,	3 60	
Moses Sargent, stone,	1 00	
J. Lawton, cleaning cellar,	2 00	
R. A. Sargent, janitor,	59 50	
	<hr/>	\$96 55

STREET LAMPS.

Merrill & Patten, oil and freight,	\$21 63	
T. H. Patten, four faucets,	2 80	
Wm. Jones, repairs,	75	
John Damrell, supplies,	3 10	
Sargent & Currier,	30	
John H. Cleary,	1 28	
R. R. Sorenson,	20 03	
C. E. Rowell,	6 84	
A. M. Colby,	5 40	
	<hr/>	62 13

C. C. Morse & Son, printing town reports,	65 96	
“ “ order book,	7 00	
C. H. Whiting, record books,	4 75	
C. A. King, printing,	40 50	
F. W. Barry, stationery,	90	
T. Groom & Co., Assessors books,	2 00	
T. H. Hoyt, census of scholars,	15 00	
“ writing agreements and consultations,	7 00	
Dr. W. H. Gerrish, birth returns,	2 75	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, “	8 50	
Dr. J. A. Douglas, “	1 25	
J. B. Heath, return of deaths,	3 75	
G. W. Veal, mowing lower cemetery,	4 00	
W. W. Lydston, repairs on watering trough,	3 72	
J. C. Wigginton, moving soil at engine house,	5 86	
S. J. True, for crape at F. E. Hall's funeral,	88	
Post 114, G. A. R., for Memorial Day.	75 00	
L. E. Bancroft, burying horse,	3 00	
Little's Express, sundries,	17 30	
Bailey Sargent, postage paid,	3 24	
E. N. Sargent, lock for tomb,	1 60	
	<hr/>	\$273 96

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G. A. Titcomb, award for hogs taken,	35 00	
Dr. W. H. Gerrish, autopsy and appraiser,	9 00	
G. G. Davis, appraiser,	1 00	
E. D. Grant, " "	1 00	
	<hr/>	46 00
Total,		\$478 64
Appropriation,	\$600 00	
Memorial Day appropriation,	75 00	
	<hr/>	\$675 00
Unused balance,	196 36	
	<hr/>	\$478 64

Town Officers.

E. M. Morse, selectman, assessor and overseer of poor,	\$200 00
Wm. H. Colby, " " "	125 00
J. E. Currier, " " "	125 00
M. Perry Sargent, school committee,	55 00
T. H. Hoyt, " " "	50 00
Dr. J. W. Hobart, " " "	50 00
Bailey Sargent, town clerk,	59 60
" " constable, warning meetings,	12 00
" " treasurer and collector,	300 34
F. C. Delano, registrar of voters,	30 00
Alex. Smart, " " "	30 00
John S. Clement, " " "	30 00
Bailey Sargent, " " "	30 00
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	\$1,096 94
Appropriation,	\$1,000 00
Overdrawn,	96 94
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	\$1,096 94

Police.

John B. Heath,	\$ 53 33
Philip J. Neal,	30 00
S. P. Jackman,	85 00
Henry P. Davis,	76 00
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	\$244 33

*Financial Statement.**The town is indebted as follows :*

On loan of June 2, 1883,	\$ 6,000 00	
“ Sept. 3, 1884,	4,500 00	
“ Jan. 5, 1885,	3,650 00	
“ June 9, 1885,	6,300 00	
“ Dec. 26, 1885,	8,000 00	
Interest accrued,	209 83	
Outstanding demands, estimated,	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$29,659 83
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Due from State, for State Aid,	\$ 432 00	
“ “ State paupers,	15 90	
Sinking Funds,	1,156 00	
Uncollected taxes,	6,935 66	
	<hr/>	8,539 56
Debt March 1, 1886,		<hr/> \$21,120 27
Debt reported March 1, 1885,	\$18,044 07	
Add award and interest on Essex Merrimac bridge,	6,254 15	
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Actual debt March 1, 1885,	\$24,298 22	
Decrease of debt,	3,177 95	
	<hr/>	\$21,120 27

The loan of June 2, 1883, is the balance of loan
to refund town of Amesbury bonds, and is pay-
able in sums of \$1,000 yearly, \$6,000 at 4 per ct.

The loan of Sept. 3, 1884, was for the purchase of a
steam fire engine, 4,500 at 4 per ct.

The loan of Jan. 3, 1885, was for providing a place
for the steamer, 3,650 at 4 per ct.

The loan of June 9, 1885, was for payment of award
on Essex Merrimac bridge, 6,300 at 4 per ct.

The loan of Dec. 26, 1885, was to refund old town
of Amesbury note, 8,000 at 3 1-2 per ct.

Note and Interest Account.

Paid Bailey Sargent, Treas., overdraft,	\$ 74 31	
Merrimac Savings Bank, notes and interest,	5,651 99	
" " " Fire District note		
and interest,	1,371 07	
Note of Town Treas., loan of June 2, 1883,	1,000 00	
Int. on T. Treas.' notes, " "	260 00	
" " " Sept. 2, 1884,	180 00	
" " " June 9, 1885,	126 00	
Town of Amesbury, 1 year's interest,	480 00	
" " balance of joint indebt-		
edness of Merrimac and Amesbury,	8,000 00	
Commissioners of Sinking Funds,	1,156 00	
	<hr/>	\$18,299 37
Discount on taxes,		934 41

ABATEMENTS.

Collector's list, 1880,	\$ 8 97	
" " 1881,	66 05	
" " 1882,	87 39	
" " 1883,	94 72	
" " 1884,	100 57	
" " 1885,	70 42	
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		\$19,661 90

E. M. MORSE,	} Selectmen of Merrimac.
WM. H. COLBY,	
JOHN E. CURRIER,	

REPORT OF THE
Commissioners of Sinking Funds,

February 2, 1886.

RECEIVED from Town Treasurer, (the same being 8 per cent. of the indebtedness, for which the fund was established,) \$1,156 00

DEPOSITED in Merrimac Savings Bank, in accordance with the provisions of the statute regulating the investment of Sinking Funds, \$1,156 00

JAMES D. PIKE,	} Commissioners.
H. O. DELANO,	
WM. H. HASKELL,	

Treasurer's and Collector's Account.

BAILEY SARGENT, *Treasurer and Collector, in account with the Town of Merrimac :*

1885.		DR.	
March	1	To uncollected taxes, -	\$5,660 95
April	1	Hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	21	Rec'd of G. W. Bartlett, peddler's license,	8 00
May	4	Hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	2,000 00
	6	Rec'd of State Treas., acct. of state paupers,	3 00
June	1	Hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	1,500 00
	9	Rec'd of Ford & Skinner, for Treas.' note,	6,489 00
	27	Hired of Merrimac Savings Bank,	1,000 00
	29	Rec'd of School Committee, for tuitions,	45 00
	29	" " " " books,	14 59
Aug.	1	" J. F. Pease, for loam, engine house lot,	9 00
Oct.	17	" W. H. Blodgett, for Old Eagle engine,	30 00
Nov.	21	" School Committee, for tuitions,	27 50
Dec.	10	" State Treas., corp. tax,	\$502 77
	10	" " " bank tax,	229 52
	10	" " " State aid,	349 50
			<hr/> 1,081 79
	26	" " " for Treas.' note,	8,000 00
	28	" A. S. Jackson, for old hose,	53 94
1886.			
Jan.	13	" County Treas., dog money,	175 94
	27	" Income Mass. School Fund,	174 67
Feb.	3	" School Committee, for tuitions,	10 00
	3	" " " " books,	2 08
	8	" " " " tuitions,	75
	8	" Amesbury, bank and corp. taxes,	53 93
	8	" R. R. Sorenson, loam E. H. lot,	2 00
	8	" C. F. Wilder, " "	4 00
	11	" E. B. Moser, grass from Pound lot,	1 50
	11	" First Nat. Bk., 1 y'r's rent,	\$275 00
	11	" R. A. Sargent, " "	225 00
	11	" G. E. Ricker, " "	250 00
	11	" R. A. Sargent, rent for Sargent Hall,	62 50
			<hr/> 812 50

Fire District tax,	\$110 69
Tax list for 1885,	\$24,752 56
Re-assessments,	17 67
Interest on taxes,	98 97
	<hr/> 24,869 20
	<hr/> \$53,140 03

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By paid State tax,	\$ 1,035 00
“ Bank tax,	1,783 06
“ County tax,	1,326 87
“ Selectmen's orders,	41,572 27
By Uncollected taxes, 1881,	\$ 32 76
“ “ 1882,	255 36
“ “ 1883,	1,047 27
“ “ 1884,	1,439 20
“ “ 1885,	4,161 07
	<hr/> 6,935 66
Cash on hand,	487 17
	<hr/> \$53,140 03

Sargent Hall.

REPORT OF THE JANITOR.

During the past year Sargent Hall has been opened thirty-two times, and for the following purposes:

Political meetings and caucuses,	.	8
Town meetings,	.	4
Lectures,	.	6
Miscellaneous,	.	14— 32

Received for use of hall, \$62.50.

Police Report.

Number of arrests for assault,	.	1
“ “ drunkenness,	.	7
“ “ drunkenness and disturbing the peace,	2	
“ “ disturbing the peace,	1— 11	
“ Liquor seizures,	.	1
“ Tramps taken care of	.	59
“ Times called,	.	116

JOHN B. HEATH,
S. P. JACKMAN,
H. P. DAVIS,
P. J. NEAL,

} Police.

Cemetery Account.

Report of the Superintendent of the Old Cemetery.

JOHN B. HEATH *in account with the Merrimac Burial Ground.*

1885.	DR.		
Feb. 1	Deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank,	\$ 244 84	
Aug. 31	Sale of Lot No. 145,	10 00	
Sept. 18	“ “ 125,	10 00	
Oct. 21	Interest,	11 00	
		————	\$275 84

	CR.		
July 1	Mowing yard,	8 00	
	Repairs on fence,	1 42	
Oct. 21	Deposited in Savings Bank,	255 84	
	Care of yard,	3 50	
	Cash on hand,	7 08	
		————	\$275 84

Merrimac, Feb. 1, 1886.

JOHN B. HEATH, Agent.

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

Report of the Trustees.

1885.	DR.		
March 1	Balance on hand,	\$682 71	
	Received by sale of lots,	40 00	
		————	\$722 71

	CR.		
March 6	Paid expenses to Newton,	5 00	
May 19	C. H. Hale, setting trees and shrubs,	310 00	
June 18	C. A. King, printing,	6 00	
26	Mr. Colcord, labor,	2 00	
July 2	J. L. Blaisdell, “	14 00	
4	Wm. G. Nichols, plan,	50 00	
21	Henry Ross, trees and shrubs,	301 00	
Aug. 17	Mr. Colcord, labor,	3 80	
Oct. 20	S. P. Jackman, “	9 00	
Nov. 2	J. M. Wood, “	12 00	
Feb. 10	Cash on hand,	9 91	
		————	\$722 71

J. A. LANCASTER,	} Trustees.
I. B. LITTLE,	
C. E. ROWELL,	

REPORT OF THE
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY
OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac :

GENTLEMEN: With the present closes the tenth year of usefulness of the Merrimac Public Library, and with the exception of the usual wear, we would report the Library in its usual good condition.

The principal work of the year has been the completion of the catalogue which was prepared for publication during the preceeding year. We are obliged to report that the sales have been much more limited than was expected from the universal clamor for a new work of this kind. It is an obvious fact that many of those who patronize the Library to the greatest extent, thereby receiving the greatest advantages free of expense, do not appreciate these advantages enough to aid and encourage the work by purchasing one of its catalogues. After having made a liberal expenditure for this purpose, and preparing an extremely useful book, it was hoped every family would consider it inexpensive and purchase a copy. We still live in that hope and invite the patronage of all our citizens in thus reimbursing our treasury. Inasmuch as the catalogues are paid for, every sale now means more reading matter for the shelves of the Library.

We have protected and added to the appearance of the Library by placing wire guards in front of the shelves.

Since the first of February, 1885, the rooms of the Library have been opened 98 times, and 11,743 books have been delivered as follows :

In February, 1212; March, 1205; April, 1102; May, 1021; June, 792; July, 885; August, 539; September, 898; October, 1251; November, 897; December, 690; January, 1251. The largest number delivered in one day was 221, while the daily average was 120.

We are pleased to report there are no books unaccounted for, and no books have been lost during the twelve months. There have been added in 1885, forty-two books; thirty-two of these were added by purchase, while ten were donated. We are indebted for these donations, to Dr. James R. Nichols, for two volumes of Encyclopedia Brittanica; Dr. A. F. Pattee, one volume, The Percuteur; Hon. Eben F. Stone, six volumes, Public Documents, and to the Lynn Public Library for one volume. All of these have been gratefully acknowledged.

Owing to the disappointment arising from the small sale of catalogues, only a few books have been added by purchase.

The conduct of some of the younger patrons while in the room is not just what should be observed in a well regulated Library, still we are glad to report progress in this direction. The size of our room continues inadequate, and we feel in duty bound to continue our prayer for more room, hoping that at no distant day the important adjunct of a modern Library, a quiet reading-room, may be a reality.

During the year the amount drawn from the Goodwin Fund has been repaid with interest, from an extra appropriation.

The needs of the Library continue as pressing as ever, the usual appropriation being barely sufficient to meet our yearly wants, therefore, we respectfully recommend for the succeeding year the same appropriation as formerly.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. M. MORSE,
S. S. BLODGETT,
J. B. JUDKINS,
GEORGE ADAMS,
DANIEL J. POORE,
DR. JAMES R. NICHOLS,
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,

} Board
of
Trustees.

D. J. POORE, Secretary.

Merrimac, Feb. 16, 1886.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1886.

D. J. POORE, *Treasurer, in account with Merrimac Public Library.*

DR.

To balance from previous year,	\$12 23	
Received from Catalogues,	20 50	
" Interest on Goodwin fund,	18 85	
" Town appropriation,	500 00	
" " " (extra),	120 00	
" Fines,	33 59	
	<hr/>	\$705 17

CR.

By paid for Catalogues,	\$207 40	
" Books and Magazines,	47 89	
" Binding books,	51 00	
" Librarian,	175 00	
" Printing,	13 80	
" Expressage,	6 15	
" Furniture,	48 50	
" Compiling Accession Book,	24 90	
" Sundry supplies,	13 54	
Refunding Goodwin Fund,	116 39	
Cash on hand,	60	
	<hr/>	\$705 17

Respectfully Submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Statistics from Valuation Book.

	1884.	1885.
Valuation of Real Estate;	\$761,230 00	\$775,870 00
“ Personal Estate,	376,774 00	390,085 00
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	\$1,138,004 00	\$1,165,955 00
Gain in 1885,		27,951 00

Number of polls, 711.

Rate on polls, \$2.00.

Rate of taxation, \$18.50 per \$1,000.

Total tax assessed, \$22,992 16

Non-resident Bank valuation, 95,160 00

Tax on same, 1,760 46

Number of acres of land assessed, 5,112.2

	1884.	1885.
Number of Dwellings,	446	455
“ Horses,	249	250
“ Cows,	199	193
“ Sheep,	20	31
“ Swine,	—	71
“ Neat cattle, other than cows,		71

Schedule of Public Property.

Sargent Hall,	\$20,000 00	
School Houses,	21,000 00	
Public Library,	2,500 00	
Fire Apparatus, including Fire Dist. property,	11,000 00	
Cemeteries, Hearse and House,	2,700 00	
Town Landings,	300 00	
Town Pound,	50 00	
Town Standards,	150 00	
Law Reports,	350 00	
	<hr/>	\$58,050 00

ARTICLES IN WARRANT
FOR
ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 1, 1886,
AT TEN O'CLOCK A. M.

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk.
- Art. 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor.
- Art. 4. To choose a Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collection.
- Art. 5. To choose one School Committee for three years.
- Art. 6. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.
- Art. 7. To choose one Trustee of the Cemetery for three years.
- Art. 8. To choose one Commissioner of Sinking Funds for three years.
- Art. 9. To see if the town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.
- Art. 10. To choose Constables.
- Art. 11. To choose Highway Surveyors.
- Art. 12. To choose Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.
- Art. 13. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers, and all other necessary town officers.
- Art. 14. To bring in their votes by ballot—Yes or No—on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"
- Art. 15. On petition of J. D. Pike and others, "To see if the town will appropriate the sum of seventy-five dollars, to be expended under the direction of Post 114, G. A. R., for the proper observance of Memorial Day, May 30, 1886."
- Art. 16. On petition of R. S. Bailey and others, "To see if the town will vote to purchase a Hose Carriage for the Merrimacport Engine," also, "To see if they will vote to appropriate two hundred dollars for the same."
- Art. 17. On petition of Calvin Sargent and others, "To see if the town will vote to make the necessary repairs on the Birch Meadow School House, so called, and make appropriation therefor."
- Art. 18. On petition of H. H. Story and others, "To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to put a railing on the roof of Sargent Hall to prevent snow slides."
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to defray the necessary expenses and charges of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.
- Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize their Treasurer, under the direction of the selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes.
- Art. 21. To see what discount, if any, the town will allow for the prompt payment of taxes, and to fix the time for payment of taxes; also, to see what interest, if any, the town will charge on taxes remaining unpaid after the time fixed for the payment thereof.
- Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1886.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

M. PERRY SARGENT, . . . Term expires 1886

JOHN W. HOBART, . . . " 1887

THOMAS H. HOYT, . . . " 1888

TEACHERS 1885-6.

HIGH SCHOOL.

GEORGE F. JOYCE, JR., Principal.

HELEN K. SPOFFORD, Assistant.

MERRIMAC—CENTER.

Grammar, . . . ELLEN GUNNISON.

Intermediate, . . . CARRIE M. EVANS.

First Primary, . . . FRANCES L. SHERMAN.

Second Primary, . . . ETTA H. COLBY.

PROSPECT STREET.

First Primary, . . . JOSEPHINE L. OAK.

Second Primary, . . . FLORA E. FOURTIN:

MERRIMACPORT—GRAMMAR.

*CHARLES S. DAVIS, . . . *A. M. ARMSTRONG,
PHILIP EMERSON.

Intermediate, . . . MINNIE C. CURRIER.

Primary, . . . *ANNIE M. COLLINS.

LANDING.

MARTHA A. HUGHES.

HIGHLANDS.

LULU O. SHORT.

BEAR HILL.

BESSIE A. VEAL.

BIRCH MEADOW.

JOSEPHINE V. MASON.

MUSIC.

*STELLA C. LARKIN. MARTHA A. GOODWIN.

*Resigned.

REPORT.

In accordance with a time-honored custom, and in compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth the Committee would respectfully submit the following report:

The year just closed has witnessed a fair amount of prosperity in most of our schools; good order has generally prevailed, still there are some parents who do not sufficiently encourage their children to perform their school duties and thus enable the teacher to accomplish the best results.

A new code of Truancy By-Laws, adopted by the Town and properly enforced, would do much toward correcting the evils of absenteeism, and materially lessen the labors of the teacher.

Order is said to be Heaven's first law, and in no place is good order more necessary than in the school room. The labors of faithful teachers are necessarily severe; the training of the young to walk in wisdom's ways is by no means an easy task. The conscientious teacher is not satisfied with simply staying in the school room six hours a day and hearing a certain number of lessons, but often spends hours out of the school room in labor for the school, and frequently labors on, amid many discouragements and adverse influences, to elevate the pupil's mind and lead him in the path of virtue and honesty. If the parents would only co-operate with the teacher far grander results would be obtained. But, alas! too often the home

influences are not favorable to honesty or morality, and the teacher becomes discouraged with the results. To such we can only say, in the language of the poet,

“Act well thy part; it shall succeed
In thine or in another’s day,
And if denied the Victor’s meed
Thou shall not miss the toiler’s pay.”

HIGH SCHOOL.

There has been nothing of special interest in the High school during the year, except at the close of the summer term, when three scholars graduated with honor to themselves. It has been the aim of the Committee to keep the school fully up to its former standard, and it is hoped that the time is near at hand when the advice given by Prof. Prince of the State Board will be fully carried out and none but High school scholars be admitted to the High school.

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS.

The Grammar school is in many respects of more importance than any other, for while we should encourage all who can to take the full High school course, it cannot be denied that the great majority of scholars finish their school life with Grammar school studies, and but a very few graduate from the High school, as is shown by our record of graduates.

These schools have had a very prosperous year. There has been a large amount of labor judiciously performed both by the teachers and scholars, and the result has been quite satisfactory to the committee.

During the past two years the course of instruction in this grade has been made more practical than formerly.

At the close of the summer term Mr. Davis, very much to the regret of the Committee, parents and friends of the school, had a “higher

call," and accepted the position of principal of the High school at Turners Falls, for which he was well qualified.

The injury sustained by a school in the loss of a faithful teacher, thoroughly familiar with all the little details of his position and the temperament and ability of his scholars, is seldom overestimated, and frequent changes are sure to work harm in any school.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS.

Such good progress has been made, both in discipline and in the studies, that we take pleasure in reporting these schools in better condition than they have been for several years.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

There has been much good work done in this department during the year. The teachers have labored faithfully and deserve far more encouragement from the parents than they receive.

In every pursuit in life it is very important to start right, and as the child commences school life in the Primary grade it is very essential that his first steps should be properly guided, for the training he receives here will manifest itself, either for good or evil, all through his school days.

MIXED SCHOOLS.

These schools have been more prosperous than usual during the past year. Good order has prevailed, and as a result good progress has been made in the studies. A mixed school has far less advantages than a graded one, and it is only by greater exertions by both teacher and scholar that it can successfully compete with the graded school. The first class in the Bear Hill school has done this. In a written examination prepared by the Committee the average of the class in all the studies was over ninety per cent, which is a good record for any school.

MUSIC.

Music has been taught in all the schools, except the Landing, Birch Meadow and Highlands. During the summer vacation Miss Larkin resigned, and her place was filled by Mrs. Martha A. Goodwin of Salisbury, Mass., who has served to the satisfaction of the Committee.

SCHOOL HOUSES.

Most of the school houses are in good condition. The Bear Hill school house, however, needs a new floor and some other repairs inside, and that at Birch Meadow, in its present condition, is no credit to the town. More school room will soon be required at the Center, as the Primary schools are already full.

M. PERRY SARGENT,

Chairman School Committee of Merrimac.

MERRIMAC HIGH SCHOOL.

GRADUATES 1885.

Vouloir c'est pouvoir.

EDITH I. GALE,

LULU A. CATE,

GEORGE L. BATCHELDER.

TABLE No. 1.

STATISTICS OF SUMMER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Days in term.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number of Times Late.	No. of scholars over 15 years.	No. of scholars under 5 years.	Number of Visitors.	Teacher's wages per month.
Merrimac High (Principal)	60	46	42.5	39.8	26	37	—	5	\$94 74
“ “ (Assistant)									50 00
“ Grammar, .	60	31	30.16	29.75	12	2	—	6	50 00
“ Intermediate, .	60	35	34.2	33.3	7	—	—	28	35 00
Central Higher Primary,	60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35 00
“ Lower “	60	43	42	37	37	—	—	25	30 00
Plains Higher Primary,	60	37	34.5	33.3	7	—	—	14	35 00
“ Lower “	60	51	47	45	42	—	1	16	30 00
Merrimacport Grammar,	60	22	20	18.5	6	2	—	5	60 00
“ Intermediate,	60	29	29	20	76	—	—	12	31 00
“ Primary,	60	42	34	30	123	—	—	14	30 00
Bear Hill,	60	39	36.3	32	7	—	—	12	40 00
Landing,	60	11	10.5	10	34	—	—	20	22 00
Highlands,	60	15	14	12.25	6	1	3	18	22 00
Birch Meadow, . . .	60	10	8	7.5	—	1	—	39	22 00

TABLE No. 2.

STATISTICS OF WINTER TERM.

SCHOOLS.	Number of Days in term.	Number of Scholars.	Average Number of Scholars.	Average attendance.	Number of Times Late.	No. of scholars over 15 years.	No. of scholars under 5 years.	Number of Visitors.	Teacher's wages per month.
Merrimac High (Principal)	130	54	48.5	47	44	32	—	21	\$100.
“ “ (Assistant)									\$50 00
“ Grammar, .	105	39	38	36	16	3	—	18	50 00
“ Intermediate, .	105	31	26.5	25.5	17	1	—	29	35 00
Central Higher Primary,	105	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35 00
“ Lower “	105	40	36	31	18	—	—	60	30 00
Plains Higher Primary,	105	49	45.4	43.4	41	1	—	38	35 00
“ Lower “	105	40	33	29	81	—	1	24	30 00
Merrimacport Grammar,	105	27	26.5	24	112	1	—	13	50 00
“ Intermediate,	105	23	22	17.3	70	—	—	17	31 00
“ Primary, .	105	38	35	32	302	—	—	33	30 00
Bear Hill,	105	34	33.2	26.5	21	1	—	22	40 00
Landing,	60	12	12	10.5	47	—	—	11	22 00
Highlands,	60	13	10.56	10	11	1	2	17	22 00
Birch Meadow, . . .	60	13	11	9	12	—	—	14	22 00

